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THIRD SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the People's Republic of China's Office Action dated January 10, 2003.

Applicants note that EP 0 784 397 A2, cited in the Office Action, was previously cited in the Information Disclosure Statement dated May 25, 2001 and has already been considered by the Examiner. Therefore, Applicants do not include herein a copy of EP 0 784 397 A2.

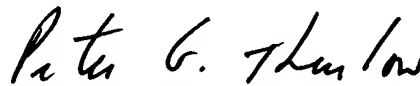
STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)

Each item of information in this Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing date of this Statement.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner.

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